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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated
June 16, 2008.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1 to 19, identified in the Action as being
directed to a preform; and
- (II) Claims 20 to 31, identified in the Action as being
directed to a process for producing a preform.

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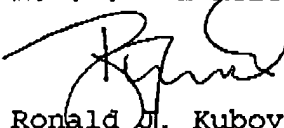
Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1 to 19, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

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